

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising:
a plurality of stacked layers of first reinforcing fibers comprising a stack of layers;
and,
a plurality of unconnected spaced apart second reinforcing pins, each comprising
a bundle of rods, disposed into the article at an angle to the stack of layers;
the second reinforcing pins being disposed beside the first reinforcing fibers; and,
a substantially solid matrix disposed about the first reinforcing fibers and the
second reinforcing members.

9. (previously presented) The article of claim 8 in which the first reinforcing
fibers and the second reinforcing pins comprise at least one material selected from the
group consisting of carbon, graphite, glass, and metal.

10. (previously presented) The article of claim 9 in the form of a turbine engine
article comprising:
an airfoil including the stack of layers and the spaced apart second reinforcing
pins;
the first reinforcing fibers in a layer being substantially aligned with one another.

11. (canceled)

12. (new) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising a plurality of stacked
layers of first reinforcing fibers comprising a stack of layers, and a plurality of
unconnected spaced apart second reinforcing pins disposed into the article at an angle to
the stack of layers; wherein,
the second reinforcing pins are disposed beside the first reinforcing fibers; and,
a substantially solid matrix is disposed about the first reinforcing fibers and the second
reinforcing members.